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SHERIDAN TELLS OF BRIBE OFFER

Says $1 Million Attempt Made in Hoffa Trial

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A former aide to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy testified at a hearing here Wednesday that he was offered $1 million to bribe witnesses in the 1964 jury tampering trial of Teamsters President James R. Hoffa.

Walter Sheridan, who was a special consultant to Kennedy when Kennedy was U.S. attorney general, gave the testimony at a hearing on a motion to have the sentence of Z. T. Osborn Hoffa's Nashville attorney, overturned.

Sheridan said the $1 million bribe offer was made before and during the trials of Hoffa and Osborn, both of whom were convicted on charges of jury tampering.

Sheridan did not say who made the offer.

The testimony came on the final day of a hearing on the Osborn motion to have his conviction and 3½-year sentence vacated.

In his testimony, Sheridan said the bribe offer was "part of a concerted effort to get witnesses to change their testimony."

The effort has continued to this day, Sheridan said.